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SUBJECT: ENERGY: WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY AND TANKER TRAFFIC

1. AUGUST 12 ISSUE OF THE FISHERMAN REPORTS THAT UNITED FISHERMEN AND ALLIED WORKERS' UNION (UFAWU) HAS URGENTLY APPEALED TO FISHERIES MINISTER LE BLANC, TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG AND ENERGY MINISTER GILIESPIE TO DELAY NEB HEARING ON ANY PIPELINE APPLICATIONS (E.G., TRANS MOUNTAIN, KITIMAT) TO MOVE OIL FROM THE WEST COAST TO THE U.S. MIDWEST UNTIL THE WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY IS CONCLUDED. ACCORDING TO UFAWU, THE INQUIRY IS IN "IMMINENT DANGER OF EMASCULATION" BECAUSE THE NEB ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD RENDER ITS DECISION LONG BEFORE THE INQUIRY COULD HEAR ALL THE SUBMISSIONS REGARDING OIL TANKER TRAFFIC AND OIL PORT PROPOSALS.

2. UFAWU HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY JOINED OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS IN CALLING ON OTTAWA TO COMPEL U.S. OIL CARRIERS TO STAY OUTSIDE CANADA'S 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE TO MINIMIZE OIL SPILL THREATS. UFAWU PRESIDENT JACK NICHOL SAID THE PRESENT SHIPMENT OF CRUDE FROM ALASKA TO U.S. PUGET SOUND PORTS IS MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE THOMPSON INQUIRY WHICH "CAN ONLY REACH ITS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS LONG AFTER OIL DELIVERIES ARE A FACT." HE STATED "IF THE

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U.S. IS SO INTENT ON IGNORING THE INQUIRY AND DELIVERING ALASKA CRUDE THROUGH JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT AND WATERS ADJACENT TO THIS COUNTRY, THEN CANADA SHOULD AT LEAST BAN THESE SHIPS FROM ITS 200-MILE ZONE."

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